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Anthony Riley, Acting Chief Bureau of Indian Affairs -Indian Services Division of Workforce Development 1849 C Street, NW MS-4513 Washington, DC 20240

RE: Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA)

Dear Mr. Riley,

This letter describes how the Pueblo of Zuni plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

The Pueblo of Zuni operating under a 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Pueblo of Zuni's 477 approved plan and policies, as applicable. We plan to use CRRSA funds in the following categories:

1. Direct Child Care Services/Subsidies

The Pueblo of Zuni does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to:

- Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- o Farm and other food services workers
- o And/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:

The Pueblo of Zuni 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;

- o Resources
- o Supplies
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices, safety measures and policies in line with the guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

The Pueblo of Zuni 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are not limited to;

 supporting the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency

The 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Pueblo of Zuni 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers; however additional guidance is needed from DWD/CCDF to finalize plans for this area.

5. Other

The Pueblo of Zuni approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements to include minor repairs for health and safety purposes.

If the Pueblo of Zuni 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021

The Pueblo of Zuni will amend our 477 plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently in the approved plan, within 60 days of implementation, as applicable.

Sincerely,

/s/

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